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## Armstrong Mourns the Loss of a Great Visionary and President

Chris Lancia  
*Special to The Inkwell*

Once in a while someone comes along with great vision, and they use that vision to take those around them higher than they've ever been before.

Armstrong had such a visionary, former University President Dr. Robert Burnett, at the helm of the ship for almost two decades.

"He had a tremendous vision of what this university could be," stated Dr. Joe Buck, Vice President for Student Affairs. "He drove us towards our goals, ensuring that the most important consideration in our minds was taking care of the students before we did anything else."

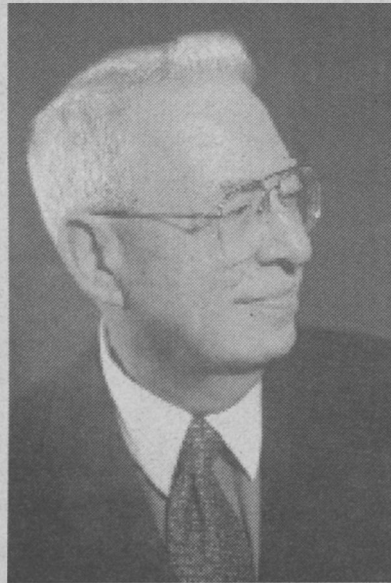
Burnett passed away due to natural causes on June 19, at the age of 70, leaving behind a legacy at an institution that is still feeling the effects of his leadership

five years after his retirement.

Burnett came to Armstrong in 1978, following twelve years at the University of St. Louis, leaving that school after

serving as the Chair of the History Department and the University Ombudsman.

He began his career at Armstrong as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, but he quickly moved into the role of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty in 1982.



years.

He inherited a platter of controversial issues, among them a proposal to merge what was then a small state college with its cross town rival, Savannah State University. Low enrollment numbers and struggling finances placed Armstrong in danger of disappearing, striking fear into the hearts

of a community that had done so much to develop the fledgling institution. That role included the title of acting president, with the future of the position unsure due to merger plans.

In 1984, Burnett was officially appointed as Armstrong's fifth president, a position he would hold for 15

of a community that had done so much to develop the fledgling institution.

He sat down with faculty and staff and came up with a plan that would significantly increase enrollment numbers and address issues such as minority enrollment and increased funding for academic programs.

"It was all doom and gloom," recalled Burnett in a Savannah Morning News interview just prior to his retirement. "You didn't feel in control of your fate."

By 1988, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents had shelved plans for a merger.

Before he turned over the reins in 1999, Burnett had led Armstrong to new heights, with enrollment numbers that had more than doubled, increasing from 2,500 to 5,700 students.

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## Armstrong Pitchers Adjust to Professional Baseball

Josh Bostick  
*Staff Writer*

Two of AASU's best pitchers, Marcus Barriger and Jon Dobyys, signed professional contracts with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization in early June. The former Pirates reunited when they were added to the roster of the Hudson Valley Renegades, Tampa's minor league short season Class-A team, whose season began on June 18th. "The odds of us playing for the same team in the pros is a million to one," Dobyys said, "it's a dream come true."

Barriger was originally slated to be the Renegades closer, but his role has shifted into that of a long reliever. "I get to play nearly everyday rather than only in closing situations, or every five days as a starter. I have more opportunities to do something positive for the team and to prove myself against professional hitters."

Dobyys was intended to pitch out of Hudson Valley's starting rotation but like Barriger, his role has changed. After seeing little playing time with the Renegades, Dobyys was

demoted to Tampa's rookie club, the Princeton Rays, less than two weeks into the season. When asked about being sent down, the former All-American remained optimistic. "Most guys would be bummed, but I'm actually excited. I would rather be here playing regularly than at a higher level sitting on the bench." He has seen a significant increase in playing time with Princeton.

The first time pitching as a professional was unique for both players. "Extremely nervous" was how Dobyys described his first game. "I was shaking and sweating. It was like I totally forgot

how to throw a baseball. I walked the first batter I faced and gave up a hit to the second guy. The pitching coach came out and calmed me down, and I got out of the inning." Barriger's first outing was slightly different. His first game as a pro was "an experience to say the least." With two outs in the top of the sixth inning and the Renegades trailing 1-0, Barriger was called in to pitch out of relief. "When I came out of the bullpen, the fans were going crazy. As I stood on the mound, I was shaking and sweating. It was like I totally forgot how to throw a baseball." *see Baseball,*  
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# "BUSH PARTY"

Sponsored by AASU College Republicans

All Students are welcome to come and party for the President!

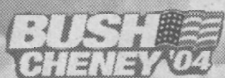
Free Lunch!

(Pizza, soda, and ice cream)

When: July 15, 2004

What Time: 2:00 - 3:00

Where: Solms Hall 110



# AASU Calendar of Events

## July

- 10 8:30 a.m. - C.H.A.O.S.
- 12 1:00 p.m. - Microsoft Powerpoint workshop  
MCC Annex Tech Room 103
- 14 1:00 p.m. - Microsoft Access Workshop  
MCC Annex Tech Room 103
- 15 2:00 p.m. - Bush rally  
Solms Hall room 110  
7:30 p.m. - *I Do! I Do!*  
Jenkins Theater
- 16 Last day for Fall 2004 web registration  
7:30 p.m. - *I Do! I Do!*  
Jenkins Theater
- 17 7:30 p.m. - *I Do! I Do!*  
Jenkins Theater
- 18 3:00 p.m. - *I Do! I Do!*  
Jenkins Theater
- 19 1:00 p.m. - Advanced Microsoft Power Point  
MCC Annex Tech Room 103
- 21 1:00 p.m. - Macromedia Flash Workshop  
MCC Annex Tech Room 103
- 22 7:30 p.m. - *I Do! I Do!*  
Jenkins Theater
- 23 7:30 p.m. - *I Do! I Do!*  
Jenkins Theater
- 24 8:30 a.m. - C.H.A.O.S.  
7:30 p.m. - *I Do! I Do!*  
Jenkins Theater

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or come by the chemistry dept.  
Science Center 2nd Floor

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## August

- 9 8:30 a.m. - C.H.A.O.S.
- 15 National Panhellenic Council Sorority  
Week begins
- 16 7:30 p.m. - CUB Coffeehouse  
Compass Point Clubhouse
- 17 12:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. - WebCT Orientation Work-  
shop
- 18 1:00 p.m. - WebCT Orientation Workshop  
Solms Hall 104
- 19 12:00 p.m. - WebCT Orientation Workshop  
Solms Hall 104  
12:00 p.m. - Organizational President's Meeting  
University Hall Room 157
- 24 4:30 p.m. - WebCT Orientation Workshop  
Solms Hall Room 104
- 25 12:00 p.m. - Computer Basics for Beginners Work  
shop  
MCC Annex Tech Room 103
- 27 3:00 p.m. - Beach Bash  
Tybee Beach Pavillion
- 30 12:00 p.m. - Internet Searches and Navigation Work  
shop  
MCC Annex tech Room 103



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dents, minority enrollment of more than 30 percent, and four times the funding that had been available when he began his tenure.

He also left the university with plans for new dorms and a new science building, addressing two key areas: living space and classroom space.

The more than 580 students housed in Compass Point and the 130,000-square foot Science Building are a testament to the solid foundation on which those plans were laid.

Under his leadership, the university entered the age of technology by adding computer labs and becoming the first institution in USG to install a fiber optic network across the campus.

Burnett gave Armstrong what it needed to survive: an academic, a politician, and an all-around likeable fellow who turned Armstrong into the fastest growing higher educa-

tion institution in south-east Georgia.

"What he did for Armstrong was wonderful, but he was also a great example in the community," Buck said. "He and his wife, Mary, had a wonderful marriage, and they raised two incredible girls. They were active throughout the local community, not limiting themselves to just the university. 'We lost a good one.'"

For those who would like to give back in honor of a man that gave so much, a scholarship fund has been established at Armstrong. Donations may be sent to:

The Burnett Scholarship Fund  
Armstrong Atlantic State University  
11935 Abercorn Street  
Savannah, GA 31419

## The University of Georgia's Summer 2004 Public Programs here in Savannah

### Wassaw Island: a photographer's perspective

Attention photography enthusiasts! Come along for some great photography opportunities as you travel through coastal waters by skiff to explore the sandy beaches, salt marshes, and maritime forests of Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge. You'll experience the beauty of this wild barrier island as you hike and explore this magnificent place.

Ages: Adult

Saturday, July 31st

8:30a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$18/ person

### Build it and the oysters will come!

Folks love oysters on the half shell but what do you do with all the left over oyster shells? Learn about the natural history of an oyster and why they are important to the Georgia coast and participate in the bagging of oyster shell used to enhance existing oyster reefs along the coast. Community hours for students!! Reservations required.

Ages 10 to adult

Thursday, July 22nd

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

FREE!!

For more information on the Summer programs call (912) 598-2496.

# Am I Mental?

## Feeling empty or sad?

*Sleeping too little or too much?  
Drinking or eating too much?  
Nothing is fun anymore? Can't seem to concentrate?  
No energy, worried?  
Pessimistic about the future?*

IT COULD BE,  
**"JUST THE BLUES"**

But if this is the way you have felt for a month or more it could also be

# DEPRESSION

(which is highly treatable)

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Professional counseling is available to AASU students on campus. Contact the Office of Student Affairs @ Compass Point, 927-5374 or stop by the office to set up an appointment for FREE, CONFIDENTIAL counseling.

## Captain Soularcat



Captain Soularcat will be coming to Armstrong on August 10th. They will be playing at 7:00p.m. in the Compass point Courtyard.



# Women and the Bench

Karen Daiss  
Copy Editor

"It's okay to wear pearls with your robe." This statement by Superior Court Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann expressed the feminist sentiment held by five female judges partaking in "Women and the Bench: A Roundtable Discussion with Chatham County Judicial Candidates" on Tuesday, June 29, in Solms Hall. Women obviously have different views than men when it comes to decision-making; however, each of the judges agrees that the struggle for equality and respect, especially in the judicial system, is definitely progressing forward. The event, hosted by Dr.

Teresa K. Winterhalter, Associate Professor of English and coordinator of AASU's Women's Studies Program, provided an opportunity for students and faculty to openly discuss women's issues specifically pertaining to Georgia's judicial system. The guest speakers included judicial candidates: (pictured from left to right) Penny Haas Freeseemann (re-election Superior Judge), Zena McClain (State Court), Mary Kathryn Moss (Chief Magistrate), Gwen Waring (Superior Court), and Julie Culhane (Magistrate). After some campaigning and a brief summary on the details of the federal



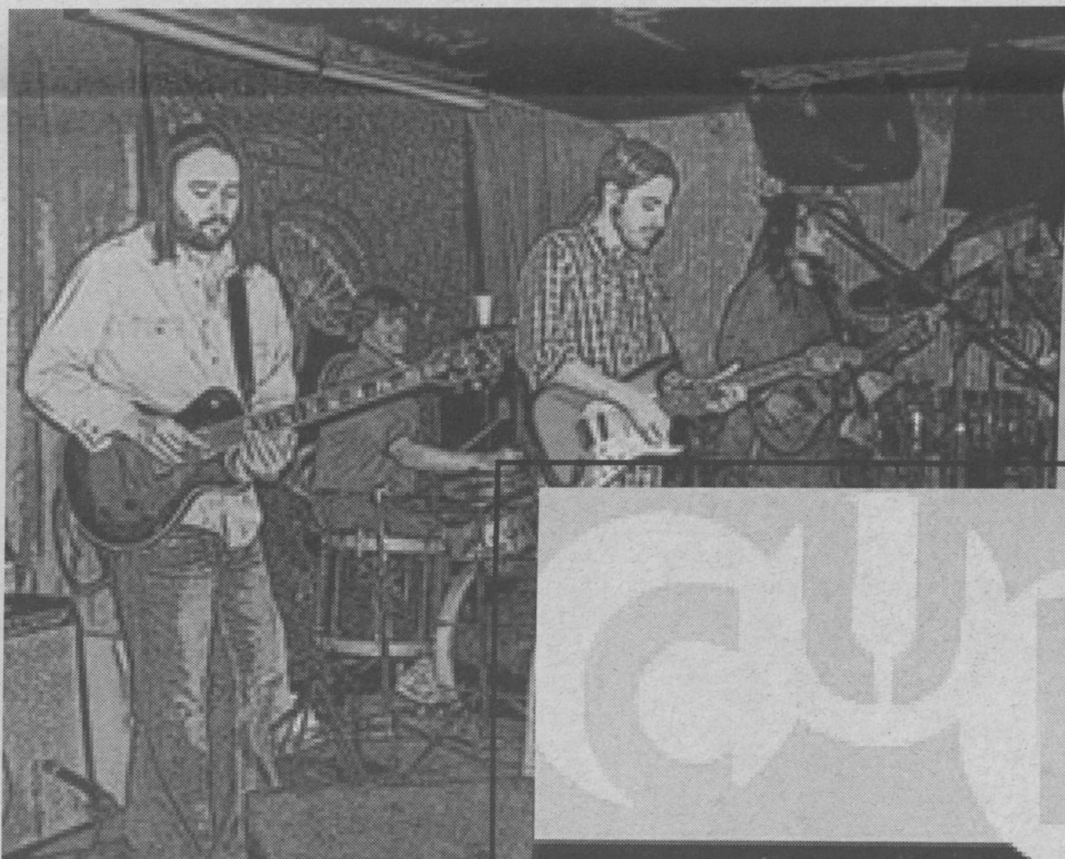
and state court systems, the candidates revealed their role models citing influences ranging from Thurgood Marshall to mom and dad. Freeseemann noted the fact that only five women have been elected to judicial positions in the history of Georgia's judicial system

confirming the importance of women's roles in judicial offices and insisting that a woman's compassionate nature is vital to the decisions judges make on various domestic, civil, and criminal cases. McClain advocated the presence of women in order to have a "balanced

court." Both Waring and Freeseemann value "innovative alternatives to sentencing" that allow convicted persons to give back to the community rather than serving jail time for certain crimes.

As recently as ten years ago, women in legal professions were still patronized by their male counterparts; however, as Moss stated "there is a respect for the position [of judge]," and that respect is transferred to women today. With a stronger presence of women in the judicial system, each candidate agrees that the situation is steadily improving.

## Upcoming Events brought to you by CUB



Captain Soularcat, coming to Armstrong August 10th.

*Tybee Island*



*Beach Bash*

*August 27th  
3:00 p.m.*

August 10th - Captain Soularcat  
7 p.m. - Compass Point Courtyard

August 27 - Beach Bash  
3:00-7:00 p.m. - Tybee Pier

September 13 - CUB Coffeehouse  
7:30 p.m. - MCC Lobby

September 23 - Yewande in Concert  
7:30 p.m. - Location: To Be Announced

October 4 - CUB Coffeehouse  
7:30 p.m. - MCC Lobby

October 15 - Matt Wertz in Concert  
7:30 p.m. - Shearhouse Plaza

October 21 - The Miami Comics  
7:00 p.m. - MCC Cafeteria

November 1 - CUB Coffeehouse  
7:30 p.m. - MCC Lobby

November 16 - Comedian Will Marfari  
7:00 p.m. - MCC Cafeteria

More events to be announced...





Karen Daiss  
Fashion Columnist

The saying goes... One man's trash is another man's treasure. The key to successful bargain shopping starts with thrift stores and consignment shops.

Thrift stores such as Goodwill and The Salvation Army are filled with racks of used clothes. If you can overcome the musty smell, poor lighting, and piles of ugly frocks (some even your grandma

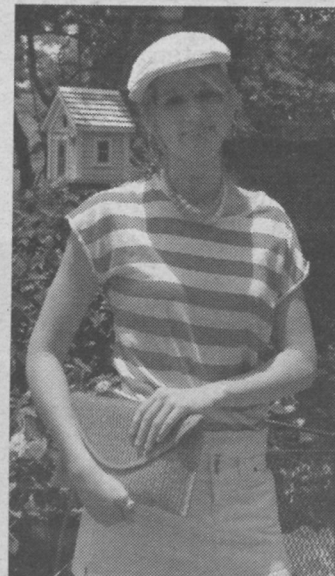


wouldn't be caught dead in), you can actually find a great piece of clothing for the same amount as a Big Mac at McDonald's.

## "Goodwill" Hunting

Consignment shops are usually a bit pricier than thrift stores because of the quality of the clothing (gently used and sometimes even new) and the fact that people who contribute clothing receive a fraction of the selling price. Consignment shops are a great place to shop for finer items like suits, dresses, or jackets.

Granted, you won't find the latest fashions at these second-hand stores, but with the presence of retro styles creeping up in the fashion industry, second-hand shops are an ideal place to search for vintage 70's t-shirts, tweed jackets (very popular this year), printed headscarves, and broken in leather belts with tooled de-



tailoring.

Make sure you have time to thoroughly search the racks

of clothes, often times the best finds are hidden within the piles or get lost in the children's and men's sections. With a little creativity and a good pair of scissors you can transform t-shirts into halter-tops, an old pair of jeans into a skirt, and so on. With a touch of personal style and the right accessories, a \$3 shirt from Goodwill can make you look like a million bucks and still have money for a Big Mac.

Savannah Shopping Stops:  
Savannah Anna's Consignment Shoppe  
5505 Waters Ave. (356-5950)

Encore Consignment Shop  
1094 Eisenhower Dr. (352-9862)

Second Glance Consignment Boutique  
310 E. Montgomery Cross Roads (355-3131)

Goodwill  
207 W. Broughton Street (233-2276)  
2123 E. Victory Dr. (352-2413)  
The Salvation Army  
3100 Montgomery St. (651-7420)  
3000 Bee Rd. (964-8575)

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## HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER VACATION

Summer classes, summer classes. They're different from fall classes. 'Cuz atleast when you're taking fall classes, you know that all your friends are taking fall classes too. But, summer is different. Your friends call you from Bermuda while you sit in room 104 in Gamble Hall, wishing your teacher would atleast let you watch the birds outside...even the stray cats seem to jeer at you, calling you, "COME FEED US! COME FEED US!"

-Cyrus

## SUMMER VACATIONS

No vacation is going to be dirt cheap, but you can get discounts. If you are planning a summer get away, then check the internet before you go. There are tons of great deals on awesome places like Six Flags, Disney World, and Universal Studios. -Tara

## SUMMER LOVE

Summer love. What is "Summer Love"? It's that fling that lasts from June to August. It's that guy that romances you for three straight months. It's that girl that steals your heart for 90 consecutive days. You call each other; you write each other. Oh, summer love! I have a summer love. Her name: Breyer's Ice Cream. She comes in different flavors. I miss her already!

-Cyrus

Make everyday wonderful and romantic. The beach is a wonderful place to be with a loved one. -Tara

## Reagan: Lost But Not Forgotten

Chris Cobb  
Political Columnist

On June 5th, 2004, we lost one of the greatest presidents the United States has ever known, President Ronald Reagan.

By now, the glaring media attention has faded and we have all moved on with our lives.

Since I was a small child throughout Reagan's presidency, I was never able to fully comprehend just how strong of a leader he truly was, until now.

Whether or not you agreed with his political views, you cannot argue with the fact that President Reagan was one of the most popular presidents the United States has ever had. He won two landslide elections, and until

the day he died, still remained highly respected for the job he did as president, as well as for the man he was in his personal life.

A loving husband to Nancy and father to his children, Reagan led by example and held all of the qualities that the American Presidency should entail.

Evidence of this could be seen at his library in California, the capital rotunda, and along the roads in Washington as his funeral procession made its way to the capital while thousands upon thousands waited for a chance to catch a glimpse of the casket carrying the former President.

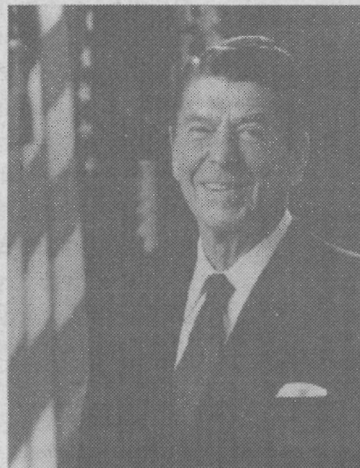
Witnessing all of this respect for someone, who for all regards has been out of the public and political eye for ten years, made me want the same

for myself.

If I were lucky enough to be able to serve in an office in the future, I would want people to have the same respect for me as they did for Reagan.

Children not even alive during his presidency made their way to view his casket. When asked why they were there, they replied that they wanted to pay their respects to a man who did so much for our country.

Our country owes a



great deal to him for who we are as a nation because of the decisions that Reagan made during his administration.

During the week of mourning for President Reagan, one could not help but recapture the sense of optimism that Reagan continually ex-

pressed throughout his life. United by his death, this country expresses a refreshing attitude, knowing that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, no matter how negative the news seems to be nowadays.

President Reagan offered up his optimism during a dark time in our country's history, and because of that, I know that in the long run, the United States will get through any challenge that presents itself to us.

Thank you Mr. Reagan for your service to our country. America is a better place for having you in our history.

If you would like to express your opinions about events going on in politics please contact The Inkwell at  
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## A Fantastic Finish for AASU Softball

Chad Jackson

*Special to the Inkwell*

The No. 1-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State softball team ranked prominently in the final NCAA Division II statistical reports, released this week.

As a team, the Pirates ranked fourth in the nation in home runs, with 40 (0.78/gm), sixth in winning percentage (42-9, .824) and 11th in both batting average (.327) and slugging percentage (.482).

Senior Katya Eronina, the NCAA ERA champion in 2003, ranked in the top five in three separate categories in 2004. Eronina ranked third in ERA (0.38) and fourth in wins (32) and strikeouts per seven innings (10.9).

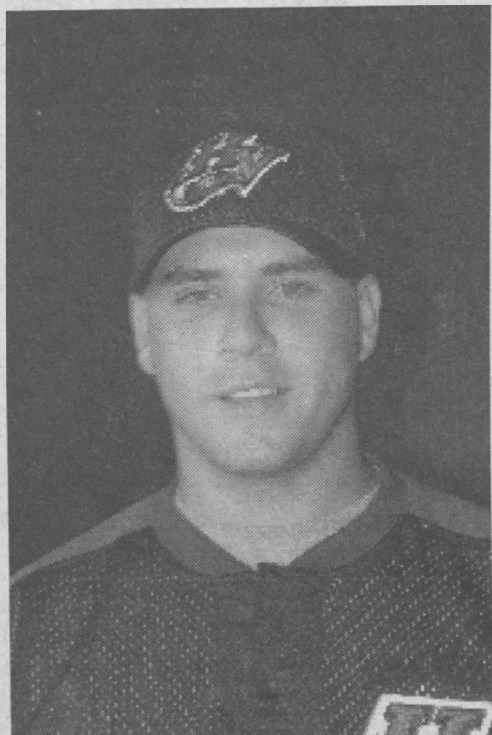
Junior Stacy Oliver set a new PBC record with sacrifice hits and ranked second in the nation with 0.51 per game. Senior Stacey Richardson ranked nationally in home runs for the third straight year, finishing 18th (0.24/gm), while also ranking 25th in walks (0.57/gm), 30th in RBIs (0.98/gm) and 36th in slugging percentage (.708).

Senior Valeria Silvestrini also appeared in the rankings in runs per game, ranking 37th (0.96/gm), while Freshman Chelce Culberson appeared in the home run rankings as well, placing 28th (0.21/gm).

### BASEBALL...

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mound facing the batter, I couldn't understand why the crowd was still cheering. I thought 'wow, these people really love baseball.' I struck the batter out and



Marcus Barriger

the fans went nuts, six thousand people on their feet like it was the World

Series or something. Later I found out about a promotion the team does called K-Man. Every time an opposing batter strikes out three times in a game, the fans get a Denny's gift certificate for a free meal.

They were cheering because I handed the batter his third strikeout of the game."

Barriger and Dobyns both agree that much of their success is due to Armstrong Baseball's outstanding coaching staff.

"The coaches took a chance on me and let me prove myself. Coach Roberts is not a good loser; compliments are hard to come by with him. When you do hear him say 'good job,'

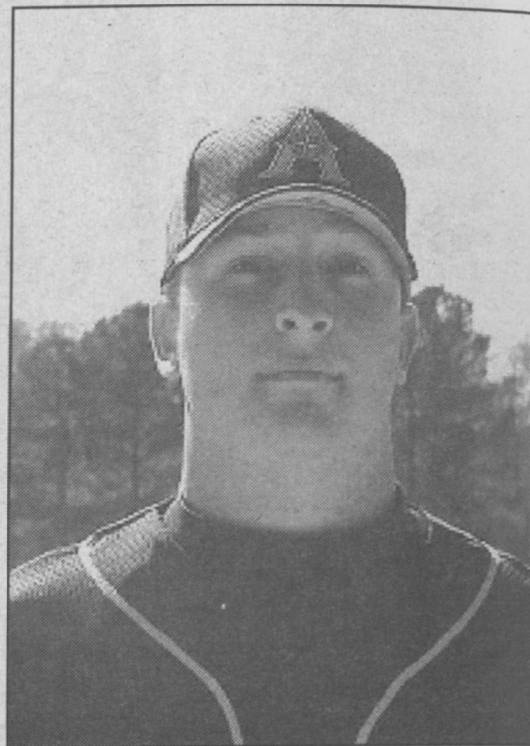
you know you earned it and that just makes you want to work harder," said

Dobyns. He continued, "Coach Culberson runs his pitching staff the way a

professional team does, which made for an easy transition." Barriger was equally grateful for the time he spent at Armstrong. "The coaches gave me a lot of advice and helped me improve my skills. I credit my success to Coach Roberts and Coach Culberson, [their instruction] helped me get to the next level" said Barriger, "I appreciate everything they did for me."

Armstrong would like to congratulate Marcus Barriger and Jon Dobyns,

and wish them continued success in their baseball



Jon Dobyns

careers.

## The Lady Pirates Receive Special Invitation

Chad Jackson

*Special to the Inkwell*

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's basketball team, two-time NCAA Championships participants, has been invited to take part in the 2004 Disney's Division II Tip-Off Classic at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla., on November 5-7.

The Lady Pirates will be one of eight teams taking part in the Classic, the only sanctioned Division II pre-season tournament in the country. Head coach Roger Hodge's squad will face Anderson College in its first round matchup on Friday,

November 5 at 3:30 p.m.

AASU comes off of a 23-8 campaign that saw the Lady Pirates win their first NCAA postseason game, a 75-68 win over North Florida. The Lady Pirates are 50-12 over the last two seasons and return seven players from last season's squad, to go along with a talented recruiting class of eight players. It is the first invitation for the AASU women's basketball program to the Tip-Off

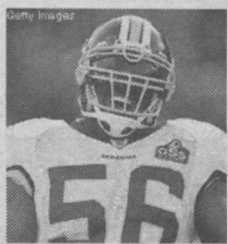


Classic in school history. The AASU men, under then-head coach Griff Mills, participated in the 2000-01 Tip-Off Classic en route to the Pirates' run to a Peach Belt Conference title and an NCAA berth.

The other six teams invited to the Tip-Off Classic include Bentley (Mass.), Mesa State (Colo.), Philadelphia, Wisconsin, Parkside, USC Aiken and Henderson State (Ark.). AASU is in the same half of the bracket as Bentley and

Mesa State and will play one of those two teams in the second round on Saturday.

Fans of the Lady Pirates can take advantage of a special travel discount to follow AASU to Disney and enjoy a weekend of basketball and fun. Forms are available from the AASU women's basketball office (912-921-5861) or through the official travel agency of Disney's DII Tip-Off Classic, Anthony Travel, at [anthonytravel.com](http://anthonytravel.com) or at 1-800-736-6377.



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## Assistant Coach Priddy Named Head Coach for Nature Coast High School



Former Assistant Basketball Coach,  
Travis Priddy.

Chad Jackson  
*Special to The Inkwell*

Armstrong Atlantic State Assistant Basketball Coach Travis Priddy has been named the head Boys Basketball Coach at Nature Coast Technical High School in Brooksville, Fla.

Priddy, who has spent the last two seasons assisting head coach Jeff Burkhamer and the Pirates, will be taking over a program that will only be in its second year of competition.

Nature Coast Technical recently completed its first season and the Sharks will move into a brand new on-campus basketball facility in 2004-05.

"I am really happy for Travis and feel this is a tremendous opportunity for him," Burkhamer said. "He is prepared and ready to take over his own program and institute his own system of play. His players will be able to relate to him and will embrace his ideas and philosophies."

A 1998 graduate of West Virginia State Univer-

sity, Priddy recently completed his master's degree in special education from Armstrong Atlantic State. His previous head coaching experience came from directing the Teays Valley, W. Va., AAU squad after graduating from WVSU. He also served as an assistant coach at Winfield High School from 1996-2000, an assistant coach at West Virginia State in 2000-01 and as an assistant coach at Hastings College in 2001-02 before joining AASU. As a part of the Pirates' program, he helped

AASU to a 35-24 record over the last two seasons and was a part of the 2003-04 squad that advanced to the NCAA Championships for the fifth time in program history.

Priddy begins his duties as a member of the faculty of Nature Coast Technical High School in the Fall.

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## Steve Ray's First Shot as Head Coach

Chad Jackson  
*Special to the Inkwell*

AASU assistant men's basketball coach Steve Ray, who has been a part of the Pirate basketball team since 1996, has accepted the head boys basketball job at Carthage HS in Carthage, Mo. It will be Ray's first head coaching job.

A former guard for the Pirate men's basketball team after transferring to AASU from Penn Valley CC

in Kansas City, Ray set the career AASU three-point basket record in just two seasons of play, hitting 163 treys. After his playing career was over, Ray became a graduate assistant for then-head coach Griff Mills after completing his bachelor's degree in communications in 2000. Ray was promoted to the full-time assistant coach at AASU in 2001 and served in that capacity under interim head coach John Marhefka for

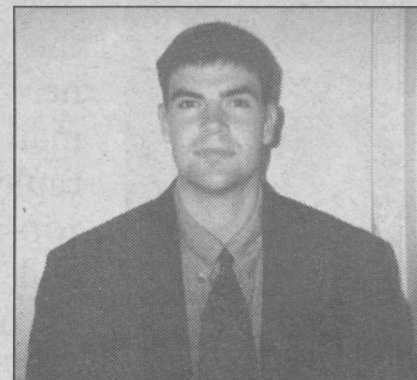
one year and under current head coach Jeff Burkhamer for two years. He earned his master's degree in public health from AASU in 2003.

"I am absolutely thrilled for Steve," Burkhamer said. "Steve is very deserving of this opportunity. He has

worked hard as an assistant coach and is prepared to take over his own program. He will be an outstanding head coach and a tremendous addition

to the community of Carthage."

A Mount Vernon, Mo., native, Steve will not be alone in his move to Carthage as his wife, Mylene, will join him in Missouri. The current head athletic trainer at AASU, Mylene is also a former AASU student-athlete who has been a part of the Armstrong Atlantic community since her first year of playing volleyball for the Pirates in 1992.



Long time Assistant coach Steve Ray  
goes on to become a head coach.

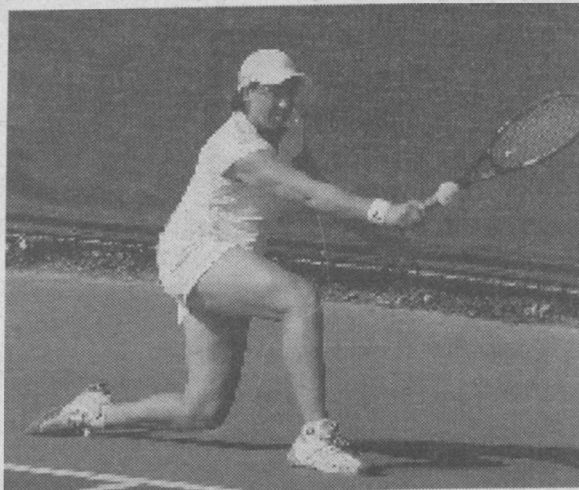
## Golopencza Dominates in China

Chad Jackson  
*Special to The Inkwell*

Four-time PBC Player of the Year Zsafia Golopencza won all four of her matches during the American Express Collegiate All-Star Team's recent overseas trip to China, the only member of the team not to drop a match.

In the first match against the Tianjin All-Stars on Wednesday, Golopencza played No. 2 singles and defeated Lei Huang, 6-3, 4-6, 10-6. She teamed with Jennifer McGaffigan of

Illinois to defeat Yifan Xu and Huan Xia in doubles, 6-4, 6-4. The women's team lost the match on a tie-break doubles match, 4-3.



Zsafia Golopencza

Saturday, the All-Stars defeated the China All-Stars 5-2 as Golopencza again won at No. 2 singles, defeating Lili Yu, 7-5, 6-4, and again teamed with Mc-

Gaffigan to beat Chu Chu and Shanshan Li, 6-4, 6-4, in doubles.

The trip, which has included a series of clinics and cultural exchanges hosted by the Chinese Tennis Association (CTA), wraps up on Monday as the teams depart for the U.S.



# Savannah Arts and Entertainment

## National Touring Artist Sam Shaber Returns to Savannah

Teresa Lynch

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Savannah is in for a treat. Nationally known touring artist Sam Shaber is coming to town! Touring from her native New York City, Shaber has traveled all across the United States from Seattle, Washington to Savannah, Georgia and almost everywhere in between. With numerous awards including a John Lennon Songwriting Competition

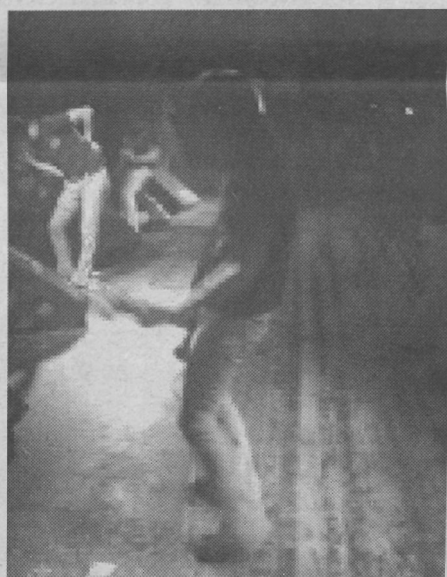
award to her credit, it is obvious that Shaber has made her mark and will be around for quite some time. Columbia recording artist/producer Shawn Mullins recently produced Shaber's most recent album, eighty numbered streets. Basing her lyrics on personal events and strong feelings, Shaber is unafraid of exposing her thoughts and feelings on stage. An unbashful performer and riveting show-woman, Shaber's performances guarantee

an unforgettable experience. However, Shaber's success is the payoff of a lot of hard work. As a musician myself, I asked her if she had any advice for those of us struggling for recognition in such a competitive field. She jokingly said "don't quit your day job," but also wisely advised to "keep a balance of reality in what you do." On Tuesday, July 27 at 8:00 pm, Shaber will be giving her second performance in Savannah at The



Sentient Bean at 13 E. Park Avenue. Admission is a \$6 suggested donation and you can call the venue at 912-232-4447 for more information.

## Bands get recognition through *The Inkwell*



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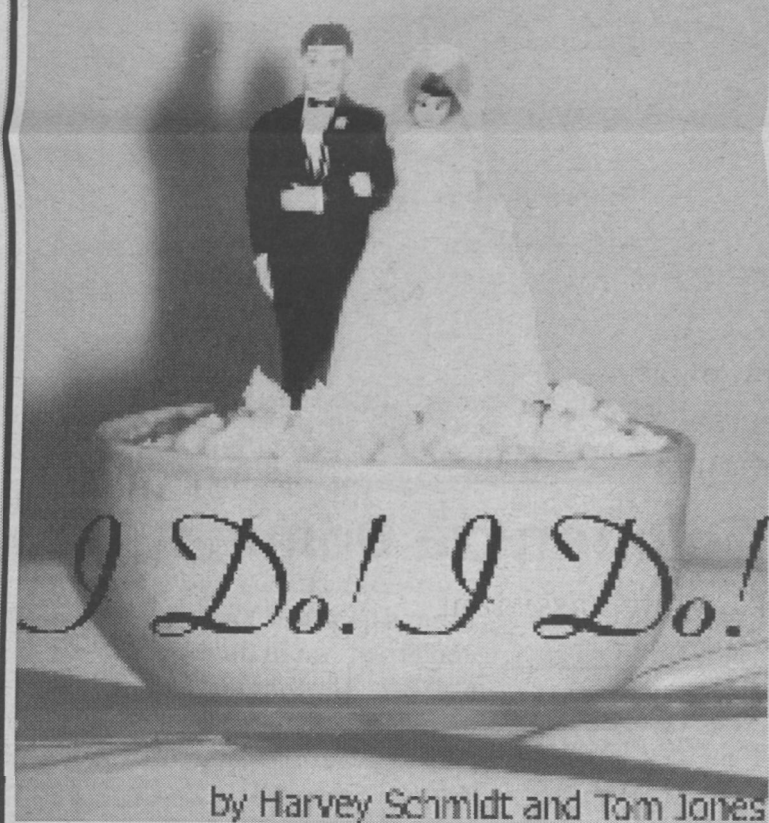
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Due to the growing music scene in Savannah, I have decided that it is my duty to bring some of the up and coming groups from the area to Inkwell readers. That being said, I want to let each and every one of you know about the new column I have

decided to create. Each month I will choose a local band to feature. The band needs to be tied to the Savannah area somehow, whether it be that the group plays shows here or is from here. E-mail me with a short biography of the band (about 100-200 words will do) and I will get in touch if your band is selected. Providing a selection of your music is preferable, but not required. Any style is acceptable, from jazz to hardcore to country. The column will include, but is not limited to AASU student groups. Give out this information to people you know! For more information and to send in information email Inkwell@armstrong.mai.l.edu. (Make the subject Band of the Month.)

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# AASU Arts and Entertainment

## Masquers Find Huge Success In First Ever Summer Season

Summer Peters  
Staff Writer

All three productions in this summer's line up were directed by Kirk White. The first performance was John Patrick Shanley's dark comedy *Four Dogs and a Bone* located in the new black box in Jenkins Theatre. The producer, Bradley (Dr. Peter Mellen), the young writer, Victor (Ricky Hesson), the veteran actress, Collette (Judit Fekete), and the young actress Brenda (Maureen

Yasko) are all struggling for control of the movie in their own way. Any audience member would tell you that they found themselves touched, laughing hysterically, and completely disgusted to the point of vomiting at different parts in this brilliantly directed and acted play! The second performance was the outrageous Shakespeare comedy, *As You Like It*. Centering around the actions of Roaslind (Maureen Yasko) and Orlando (Brett Best) the play follows four

incredible love stories. The play involved Rosalind transforming into her male alter-ego Ganymede and the hilarious events surrounding her change. This play was full of fight scenes and ridiculous antics, proving to be one of tremendous energy and fun for all, audience included! When asked

if White had any closing thoughts on the end of the season, he paused for a moment and said, "This summer has been a dream of Dr. Peter Mellen's for a long time and I am honored that he chose me to make it happen. I truly believe that we have all raised the bar for Savannah."

### *I Do! I Do!* Promises riveting performance

Summer Peters  
Staff Writer

The Masquers of the AASU drama department are currently in rehearsal of their final production in the summer season, *I Do! I Do!*, a musical comedy directed by Kirk White, assistant directed by Maureen Yasko, choreographed by Pam Sears, with musical direction by Joseph Walker. The music and lyrics are by Tom Jones. The show will open July 15, and play through the 18th, and again the 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> as part of the third and final installment in the new summer season. Tickets will be \$10.00 for students, seniors, military, and all Armstrong faculty and \$12.00 for

general admission. The performances will be located in the Jenkins Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on the dates listed, and 3 o'clock on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The show is an evening-long journey through Agnes (Bess McCreary) and Michael's (Jonathan Brazell) fifty years of marital bliss, infidelity, children, incompatibility, old age, and simple joys. Both actors agreed this show was both different and difficult for them because they feel like the whole weight of the show is on their shoulders, and rightfully so with *I Do! I Do!* being a two person musical. McCreary, having been in previous musicals, also added that another difficulty was "the fact that we go through 50 years of aging (in front of

the audience)." Director Kirk White added his opinion on directing only two people stating, "it is exponentially easier directing only two people as far as acting! But to actually create good, strong stage pictures... will be challenging without the benefit of a larger cast. But luckily the set, props, and costumes serve as additional characters in the show." As for the actual characters, Brazell described that upon meeting his character

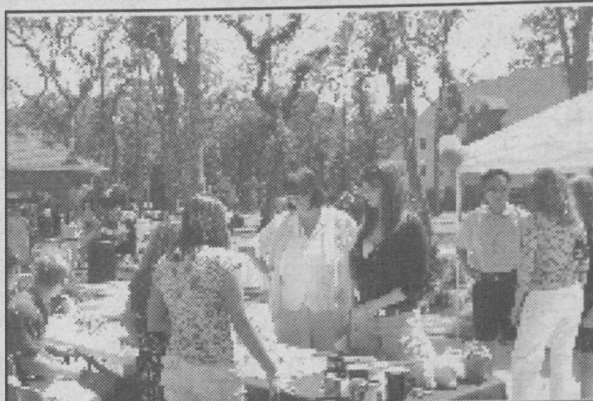
Michael "...you'll get angry, especially the women that come see the play! They might get a little angry at my character, because he's a chauvinist. But by the end you see a softer side and what a good person he is." While McCreary described her character, Agnes, as going through a lot of "emotional highs and lows, like any female." She also added with a laugh that "This would be a good show for men to see, to know what goes on in a woman's head."



Above: McCreary and Brazell practicing a dance scene during one of the many strenuous rehearsals for *I Do! I Do!*



# Armstrong in complete CHAOS

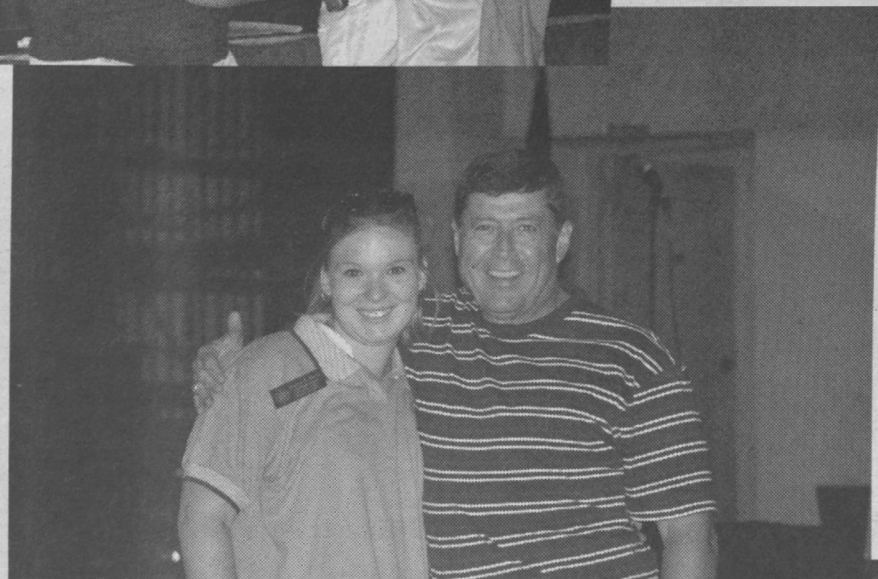
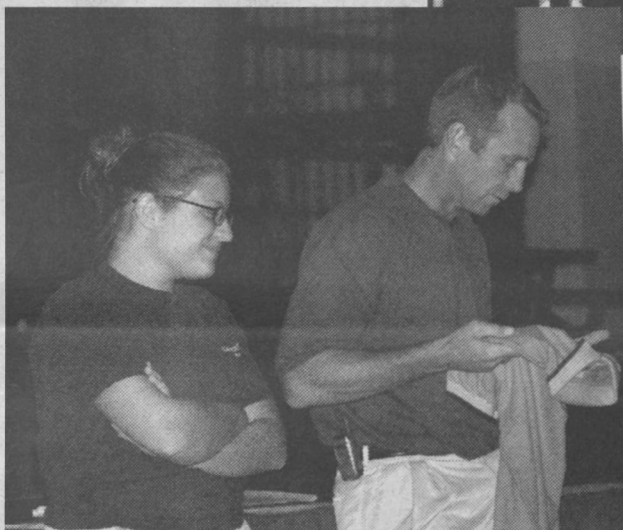


The word CHOAS is usually associated with words like hysteria, disorder, and anarchy. However, here at Armstrong, the word takes on a completely different and new meaning. CHAOS, which is an acronym for Communication, Help, Advisement, Orientation, and Service, is an open house type program which prepares students for their new life at Armstrong.

CHAOS is designed to alleviate many of the fears and worries which students often face when going into college for the first time. Students learn about financial aid, registration, degrees, on-campus housing, and many other important subjects. CHAOS also gives students a chance to meet faculty and hang out with veteran Armstrong students.

After students have been to the assembly, eaten lunch, taken a tour, and signed up for classes, they are then given the opportunity to visit booths set up in the courtyard of Compass Point. Many student organizations here on campus set up booths in order to recruit new students. If you happen to be on campus during one of the CHAOS orientations, and you see new students, make sure to smile and give them a warm welcome to Armstrong.

Pictures by Chris Lancia





## Got the Rainy Day Blues?

Lauren Hunsberger  
Editor in Chief

Although summer is the perfect time to lackadaisically lay at the beach or to go outside and play frisbee, golf, tennis, or any other sport with friends, anyone who has spent an extended period of time in Savannah knows that the unpredictable weather often hinders any outside plans.

Whether be because of the heat which rises to blistering temperatures or the sudden down pours that transform the streets into rivers, many summer days are forcefully spent indoors.

In order to beat the indoor blues, I have come up with a list of 30 things to do (other than watch TV) during the summer when going outside is just not an option.

1. Learn to cook/ bake your absolute favorite food, then

feast.

2. Find an interesting book and read it cover to cover; in one day

3. Have a card game tournament and bet using candy. (Texas Hold 'em is recommended)

4. Rearrange your room and give it a fresh feel.

5. Take all your old photographs and organize them into an album. It will bring back many good memories.

6. Write a letter to someone who means a lot to you. Mail is so fun to send and receive.

7. Have a Madden Marathon (or the video game of your choice.)

8. Listen to a comedy show.

9. Plan a trip. Even if it is just a short roadtrip.

10. Learn to play an unfamiliar instrument.

11. Fix something that you have been meaning to fix.

12. Update yourself on events in current politics. It is so important to know what is going on.

13. Read about the history of your favorite sports team.

14. Hand make a present for someone.

15. Learn a language,

16. Draw a caricature of your roommate, friend, or family member.

17. Learn yoga.

18. Call and catch up with a family member you have

not spoken with in a long time.

18. Paint something.

19. Learn calligraphy, pottery, or some other unusual art form.

20. Read the biography of your favorite musician.

21. Alter a piece of clothing.

22. Read or write poetry.

23. Write a play and cast your friends as the characters.

24. Clean something that you have been meaning to clean.

25. If you get really gutsy, see what you would look like with a different color hair.

26. Burn a CD with all your favorite music on it.

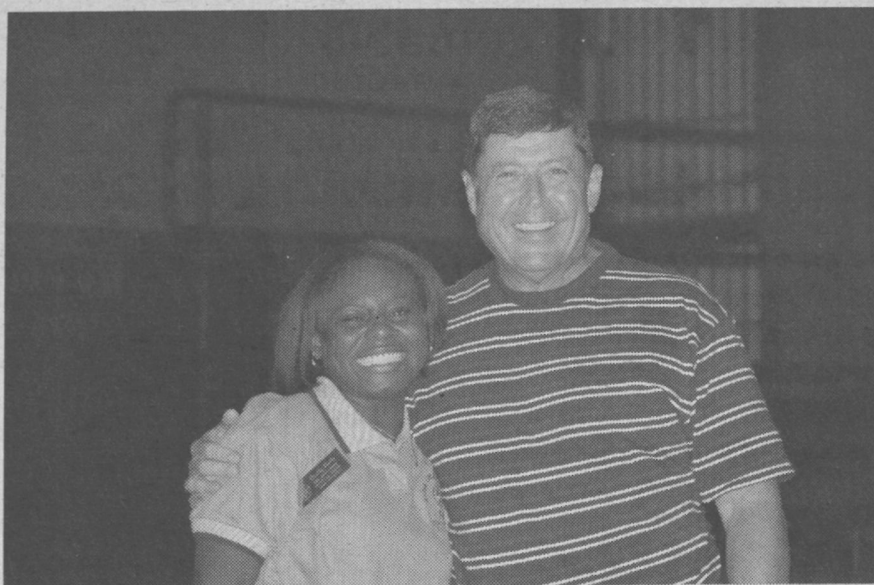
27. Make fresh squeezed lemonade.

28. Call a friend from high school who you have not talked to in a while.

29. Plant some indoor plants, and learn how to take care of them.

30. Make your own candy.

## Picture of the Month



Dr. Buck with one of the proud CHAOS student leaders.

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